

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system for e-commerce transactions, the system comprising:

one or more information interfaces;

a transportable programmable information tag uniquely encoded for association with an individual purchaser~~consumer~~ of goods and/or services;

a communication unit capable of communicating information ~~te~~with the one or more information interfaces;

a purchaser~~consumer's~~ controller, coupled to the programmable information tag and the communication unit, arranged to receive information from the one or more information interfaces through the communication unit, the information being associated with an e-commerce transaction relating to indicated goods and/or services, the purchaser's~~consumer's~~ controller being configured for programming the programmable information tag with at least part of the information from the information interface, ~~for confirming the purchaser has paid for and~~ so that the programmable information tag indicates that the consumer is entitled to receive ~~from an associated merchant the~~ the indicated goods and/or services, the information being derived from ~~sources other than the associated merchant~~ an on-line vendor; and

a merchant's tag reader for permitting a merchant to read the programmable information tag so as to obtain information therefrom ~~from the sources other than the associated merchant~~,

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for confirming or authorizing the merchant to deliver the indicated goods and/or services to the associated ~~purchaser~~ consumer, the merchant being other than the on-line vendor.

2. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus communication unit and the information interface communicate in a client/server network.

3. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the programmable information tag comprises an RFID tag.

4. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the programmable information tag comprises a barcode tag.

5. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the programmable information tag is detachable from the apparatus consumer's controller and communication unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the information comprises a receipt for goods or service purchased via ~~an~~ the e-commerce transaction.

7. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 2, wherein the client/server network comprises the Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the programmed information further includes information related to ~~a~~ the particular ~~user~~ consumer.

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9. (Currently Amended) ~~An e-commerce method.~~ A method for permitting a consumer to directly receive from a merchant the delivery of goods and/or services as to which the consumer previously entered an e-commerce transaction transacted for previously, the method comprising:

receiving a request to complete a commercial transaction for goods and/or services over the Internet, from by a consumer to an on-line vendor;

completing the commercial transaction with between the on-line vendor and the consumer;

providing an e-receipt to the consumer by an associated merchant, via an information interface, the e-receipt containing information that may be used by the consumer to program an RFID tag and derived from sources other than the associated merchant as to completion of the e-commerce transaction;

programming ~~the an~~ RFID tag with at least part of the information from of said e-receipt, such programmed information being to verify that the consumer completed a transaction entitling the consumer is entitled to obtain delivery of the goods and/or services from a merchant of the e-commerce transaction;

presenting the so-programmed RFID tag to ~~the a~~ merchant capable of delivering the goods and/or services to the consumer of the e-commerce transaction, the merchant being other than the on-line vendor;

reading, via a tag reader of the merchant, the programmed information from the RFID tag, ~~for permitting the merchant to confirm~~

verifying, by the merchant, that the consumer is entitled to receive delivery of the goods and/or services, before said delivery ~~delivering the same;~~ and

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recording selected information related to the ~~commercial~~e-commerce transaction and/or the e-receipt.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~e-commerce~~ method according to Claim 9, wherein the programmed information includes a unique code.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~e-commerce~~ method according to Claim 9, wherein the recorded information includes data related to the consumer's identity.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~e-commerce~~ method according to Claim 9, further comprising ~~creating~~maintaining a database that includes information that is used to verify ~~what~~the goods and/or services that are associated with the e-receipt.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~e-commerce~~ method according to Claim 12, wherein the database further includes the consumer's profiles.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for performing e-commerce transactions, comprising:
means, associated with an on-line vendor, for receiving a request, over the Internet, from a consumer, to complete a ~~commercial~~ transaction for goods and/or services over the Internet by a consumer;

means for completing the ~~commercial~~ transaction between the on-line vendor and with the consumer;

means for providing an e-receipt ~~to the consumer~~, the e-receipt containing information that ~~may be derived from sources other than an associated provider and used by the consumer~~

to program an RFID tagcard to prove at the transaction's completion for the consumer's right to receive the goods and/or services;

a ~~purchaser's~~ consumer's controller operable, ~~by the consumer~~ in response to the e-receipt, for programming the RFID card with the information including the proof of transaction;

a provider's card reader for permitting a provider other than the on-line vendor to read the programmed information from the RFID card for permitting the provider, upon confirmation of the transaction, to deliver the goods and/or services to the consumer; and

means for recording information related to the ~~commercial~~ transaction and/or the e-receipt.

15. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 14, wherein the programmed information includes a unique code.

16. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 14, wherein the recorded information includes data related to the consumer's identity.

17. (Original) The system according to Claim 14, further comprising means for creating a database that includes information that is used to verify what goods or services are associated with the e-receipt.

18. (Original) The system according to claim 17, wherein the database further includes consumer profiles.

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